

## State Water Resources Control Board

**MAY 16 2014**

Mr. John Kelly  
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Dear Mr. Kelly:

**CLOSURE DENIAL REVIEW FOR PETROLEUM UNDERGROUND STORAGE TANK CASE, LAC/USC MEDICAL CENTER, 1200 NORTH STATE STREET, LOS ANGELES, LOS ANGELES COUNTY**

State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) Resolution No. 2012-062 requires that State Water Board staff review a lead agency's decision when the lead agency has denied a request by a responsible party for an underground storage tank (UST) case closure pursuant to the Low-Threat UST Case Closure Policy (Policy).

The subject site has the following identification numbers:

- GeoTracker No. T0603700846
- Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board Case No. 900330270

The State Water Board reviewed the closure request dated September 3, 2013, and the response from the Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board (Regional Water Board) in the GeoTracker record. The Regional Water Board objected to the case closure because of the following 1) Additional cleanup and groundwater investigation needed to be conducted, and 2) Soil gas survey is necessary.

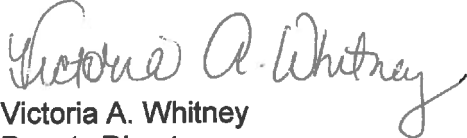
After consideration of the GeoTracker record, I have determined that this site does not meet the Media-Specific Criteria for Petroleum Vapor Intrusion to Indoor Air of the Policy.

Benzene concentrations in the groundwater have been high and increasing in some wells located immediately adjacent to the area designated for office use. The most recent groundwater sampling results indicate that the maximum benzene concentration was 7,175 micrograms per liter (µg/L). The bioattenuation zone data necessary to evaluate the health risk for Petroleum Vapor Intrusion to Indoor Air was not complete, and therefore, I could not determine that the site conditions meet the Policy criteria for Petroleum Vapor Intrusion to Indoor Air.

The secondary source continues to pose a threat to human health, safety, and the environment. The Policy criteria for UST case closure have not been met at this time, and therefore, closure of the UST case is not appropriate.

If you have any questions, please contact Mr. George Lockwood at (916) 341-5752 or [George.Lockwood@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:George.Lockwood@waterboards.ca.gov)

Sincerely,



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